

REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

The pending office action addresses claims 21, 22, 24-27, 30-32, and 40-44. Claims 21, 22, 24-27, 30-32, and 40-44 stand rejected with claims 21 and 41 being independent claims. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 41.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 40-44 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner states:

In regards to claim 41 line 18, the phrase "the second blade group further includes a blade platform" is unclear. It is uncertain if this blade platform is the same structure previously disclosed on lines 11-12 or if it is another blade platform.

To answer the Examiner's concern, Applicant deletes the reference to "a blade platform" that the Examiner finds unclear.

This amendment is made under 37 C.F.R. 41.33 to comply with the Examiner's requirement of form or otherwise present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal and Applicant requests entry of this amendment.

CONCLUSION


If the Examiner believes that an interview would facilitate the resolution of any outstanding issues, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned.

In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 105428-2.

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